[No. 302]

(SB 331)

AN ACT to amend 1956 PA 217, entitled "An act to safeguard persons and property; to provide for licensing and regulation of electricians and electrical contractors concerning the construction, alteration, installation of electrical wiring and equipment and for the inspection of electrical wiring; to create an electrical administrative board; to create certain committees for certain purposes; to provide certain powers and duties for certain departments; to provide for the assessment of certain fees and for the promulgation of rules; and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act," by amending section 5 (MCL 338.885), as amended by 1992 PA 130.

## The People of the State of Michigan enact:

338.885 Installation of electric wiring or electric signs; license required; exception; sign specialty licensure of person licensed in another state; "charitable organization" defined.
[M.S.A. 18.204(5)]

- Sec. 5. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 7, a person, firm, or corporation shall not install any electric wiring, devices, appliances, or appurtenances for the generation, distribution, and utilization of electrical energy, within or on any building, structures, or properties, without being licensed. In a municipality where inspection service is provided, a permit shall be obtained from the board or municipality having jurisdiction. If the electric wiring, devices, appliances, or appurtenances are installed without compensation by a person licensed under this act for or on behalf of a charitable organization, the permit required under this subsection may be obtained by the owner of the property on which the work is performed.
- (2) The charitable organization exception under subsection (1) applies only to the reconstruction, renovation, or remodeling of 1- to 4-family dwellings.
- (3) Except as otherwise provided in section 7, a person, firm, or corporation shall not erect, install, alter, repair, service, or maintain fire alarm system wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment within a building or structure without being licensed under this act.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in section 7, a person, firm, or corporation shall not install, connect, repair, or maintain electric signs and related wiring without being licensed under this act.
- (5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act and upon proper application and payment of the appropriate fees, the board and department of labor shall issue a license without examination to a person desiring sign specialty licensure who is licensed, registered, or otherwise regulated in another state if the board determines that the standards in the other state meet or exceed the standards imposed in this act.
- (6) As used in this section, "charitable organization" means a not for profit tax-exempt religious, educational, or humane organization.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect. Approved July 28, 1998. Filed with Secretary of State July 28, 1998.